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Re: U.S. Cellular ETC Designation
MPUC Docket No. 2004-246

**THIS IS A VIRTUAL DUPLICATE OF THE ORIGINAL HARDCOPY
SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS
ELECTRONIC FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Dear Dennis:

On September 8, 2005, the Commission entered an Order approving United States Cellular's Application seeking certification as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. Since that time, the Federal Communications Commission endorsed the Commission's certification, and proceeds from the federal Universal Service Fund are now becoming available for the expansion of the U.S. Cellular system in Maine's rural areas.

In that connection, I am pleased to advise you that U.S. Cellular has now established its plan for USF-funded cell site expansions in Maine for the rest of 2006, as follows:

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| Rumford | August |
| Sedgewick | August |
| Peru | November |
| Jonesport | November |
| Bingham | November |
| Fort Fairfield | November |

Please understand that this schedule is subject to change based on a variety of factors, and that U.S. Cellular will need to obtain all local land use approvals on a timely and reasonable basis in order to meet this schedule.

The schedule as proposed conforms to the requirements of the initial build-out plan agreed to in the August 18, 2005 Revised Stipulation which the Commission endorsed in its Order.

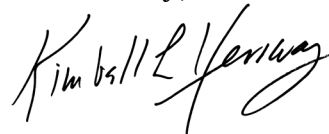
U.S. Cellular is very pleased that, thanks to federal Universal Service funding, it will soon be bringing modern mobile service to these communities. As the Commission is aware from the Resolutions submitted by the Towns of Bingham, Fort Fairfield and Jonesport, and from the testimony of three dozen community and business leaders in these areas, modern wireless service is today a necessity for sustaining the continued economic viability of these and other small Maine communities.

In working with Maine's Sheriffs, U.S. Cellular has become acutely aware that high quality mobile service can significantly enhance safety for law enforcement personnel, and the constituents they serve, in Maine's rural areas. We understand that the Maine Sheriffs Association recently forwarded to the Commission a Resolution endorsing continued USF funding for wireless ETCs.

I have recently had an opportunity to discuss with Chairman Adams and Trina Bragdon the potential implications of legislation introduced in the United States Senate by Sen. Stevens of Alaska and its potential impact on continued USF funding for Maine's wireless carriers. We will strive to keep the Commission and other Maine stakeholders aware of the status of this bill as it makes its way through the legislative process. Obviously, U.S. Cellular's ability to proceed with its build-out plans on file with the Commission depends on a favorable outcome for that bill.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding U.S. Cellular's expansion plans or the above-mentioned federal legislation.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimball L. Kenway". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kimball" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Kenway".

Kimball L. Kenway

cc: All Parties, Docket 2004-246
Sheriff Scott M. Story
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